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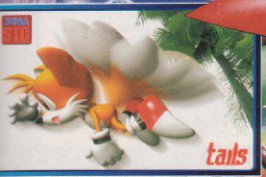

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greetings

HEY BOOMERS!

As you read this, I'm preparing to return to my home planet! This means that this is the final **Control Zone**, but the good news is that next issue, you'll get your favourite comic strip as *soon* as you turn the cover!

With all this news, I almost forgot to mention that this issue includes **three new whip-cracking stories**. Plus there's your own artwork in the **Wild West Graphic Zone**. In fact, there's so much in this rootin' tootin' issue that Speedlines has made way for a much requested **Tails Pin-Up**!

No doubt you'll be sad to see me go - and quite right too - but wouldn't you be homesick, if liked me you'd spent over five years on an alient planet!

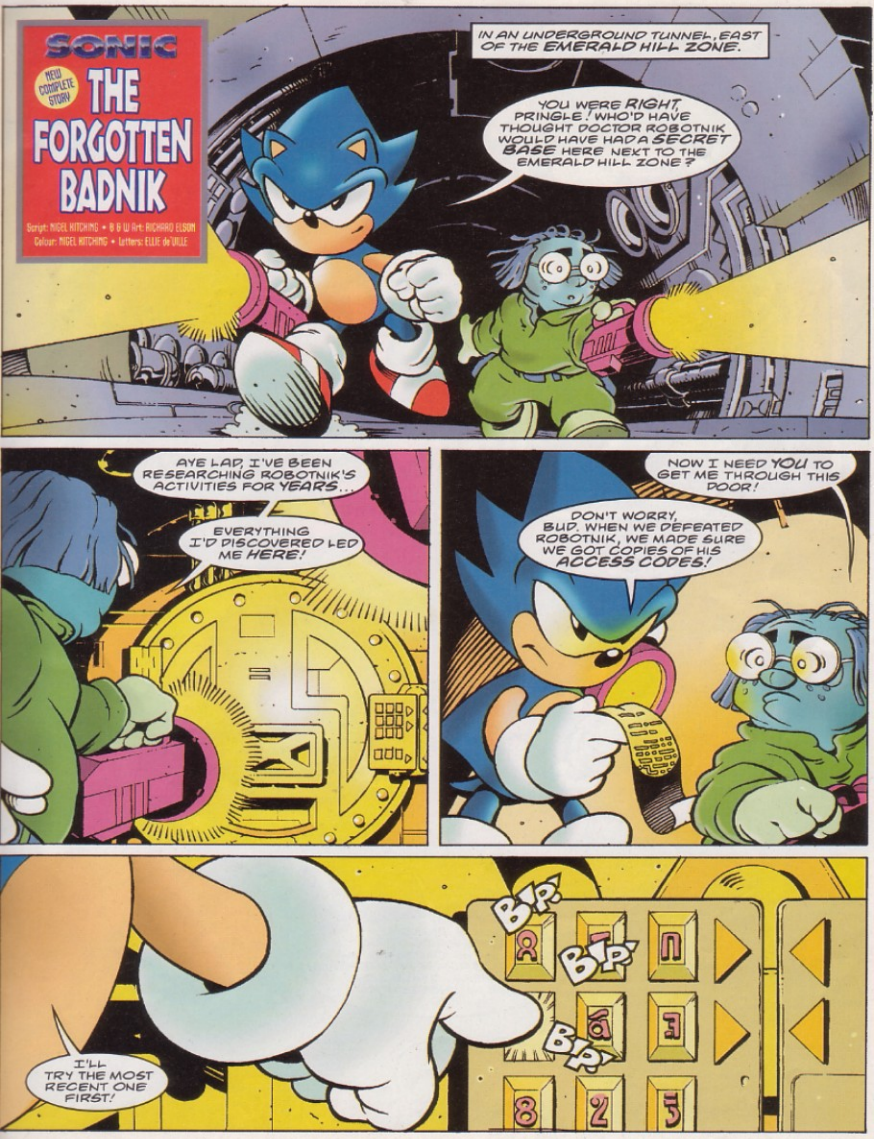
I'd better get ready for blast off, but before I go, I guess you're wondering if I'll ever come back, but that would be telling! Thanks for a beautiful friendship and...

STAY COOL!

Megadroid

MEGADROID 'RIDES' INTO THE SUNSET!

As *STC* says *"adios"* to the irreplaceable Droid, remember that from the next issue of *STC*, the artwork action begins as *soon* as you turn over the front cover!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THE FORGOTTEN BADNIK
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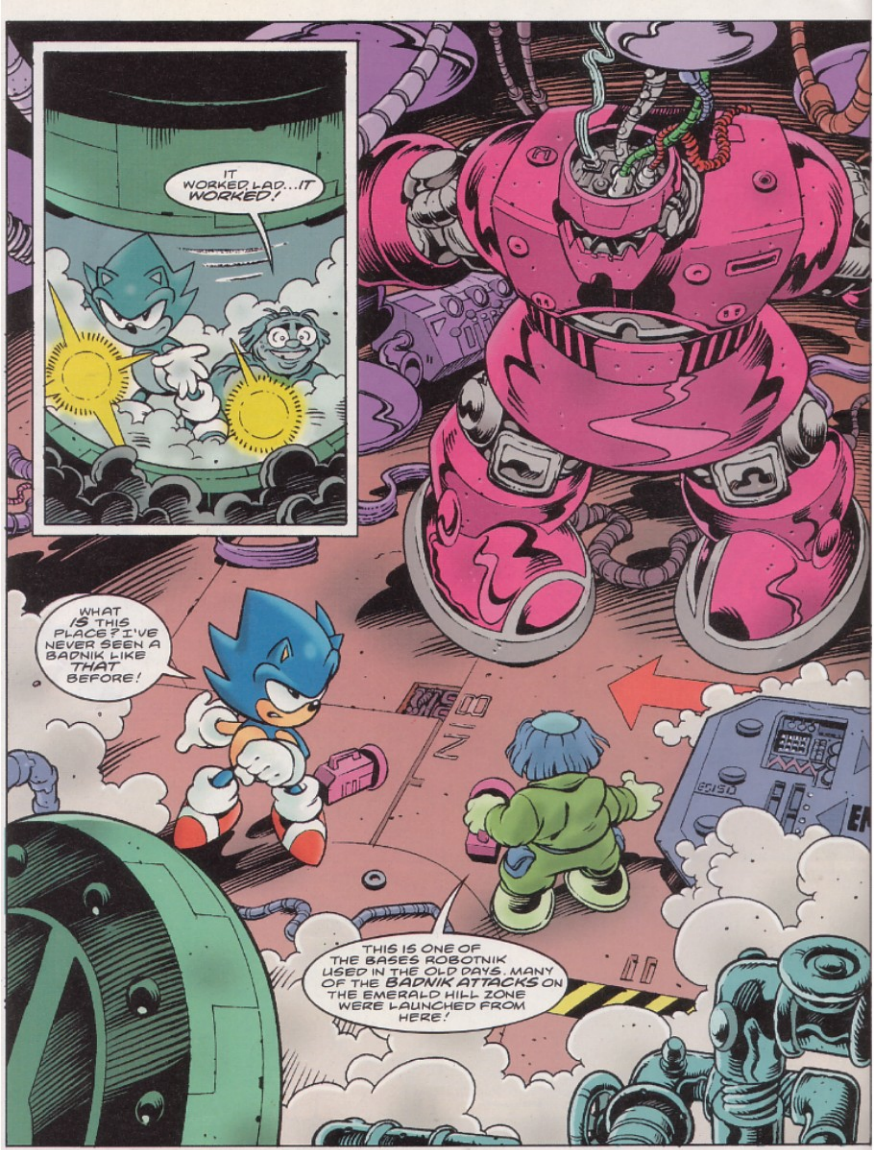
IN AN UNDERGROUND TUNNEL, EAST OF THE EMERALD HILL ZONE.
YOU WERE RIGHT, PRINGLE! WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT DOCTOR ROBOTNIK WOULD HAVE HAD A SECRET BASE HERE NEXT TO THE EMERALD HILL ZONE?
AYE LAD, I'VE BEEN RESEARCHING ROBOTNIK'S ACTIVITIES FOR YEARS...
EVERYTHING I'D DISCOVERED LED ME HERE!
NOW I NEED YOU TO GET ME THROUGH THIS DOOR!
DON'T WORRY, BUD. WHEN WE DEFEATED ROBOTNIK, WE MADE SURE WE GOT COPIES OF HIS ACCESS CODES!
BIP
BIP
BIP
I'LL TRY THE MOST RECENT ONE FIRST!

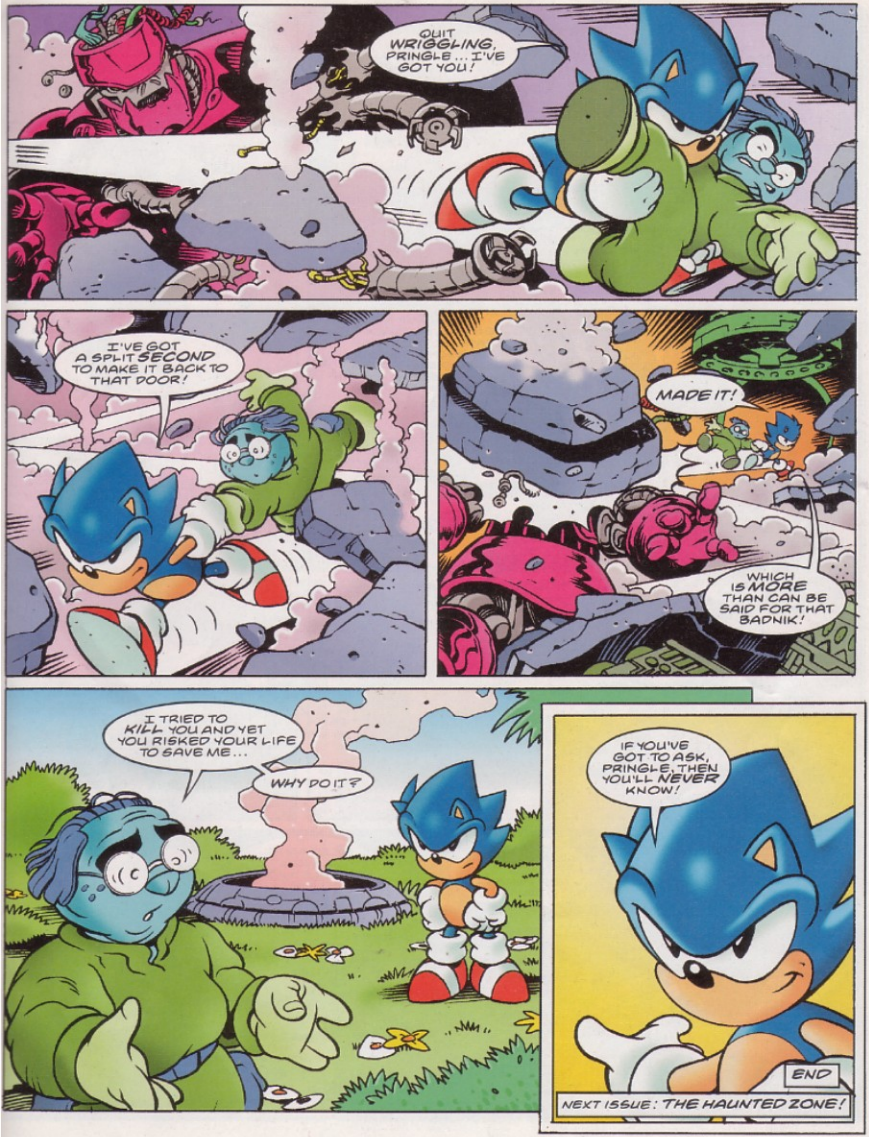

IT WORKED, LAD...IT WORKED!
WHAT IS THIS PLACE? I'VE NEVER SEEN A BADNIK LIKE THAT BEFORE!
THIS IS ONE OF THE BASES ROBOTNIK USED IN THE OLD DAYS. MANY OF THE BADNIK ATTACKS ON THE EMERALD HILL ZONE WERE LAUNCHED FROM HERE!

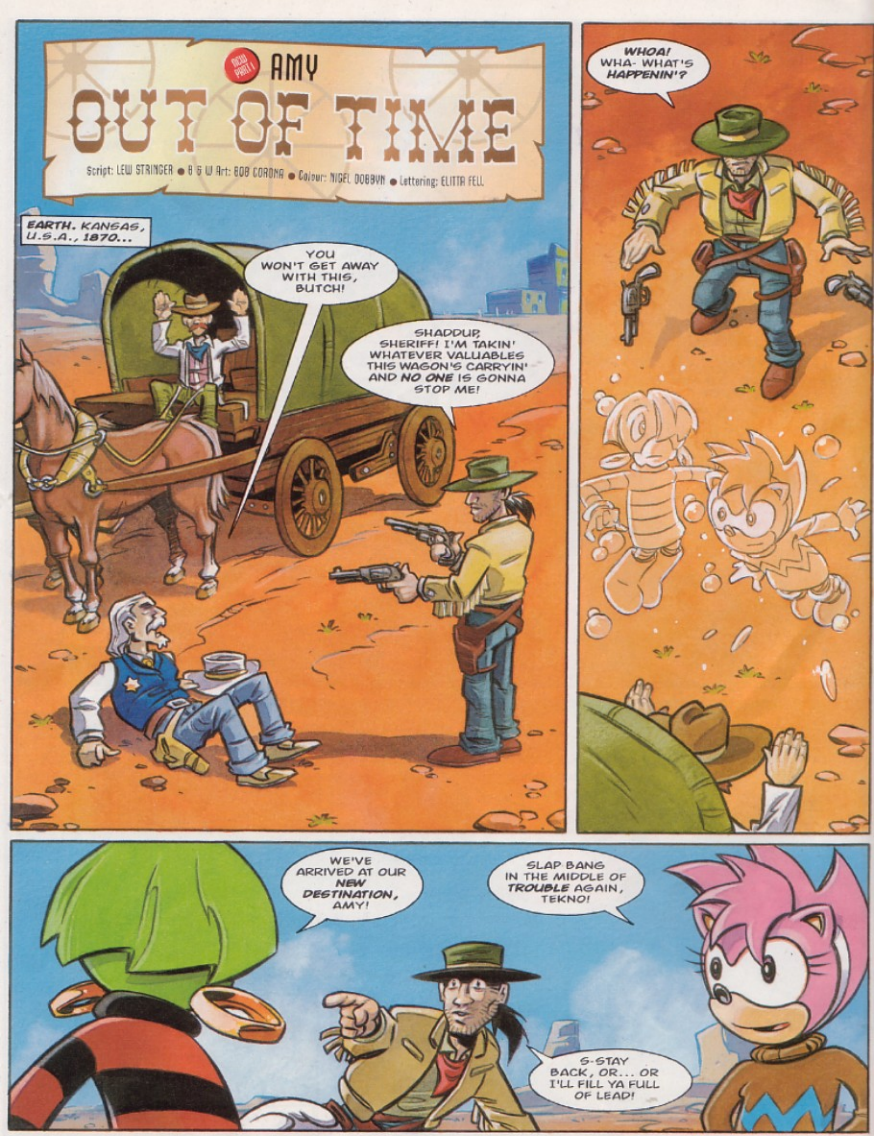
YOU KNOW, THIS JOKER REMINDS ME OF THE TROOPER BADNIKS ROBOTNIK USED TO USE ALL THE TIME!
THIS IS A PROTOTYPE! THE NEXT GENERATION OF TROOPERS WERE GOING TO BE LIKE THIS...
BUT YOU DEFEATED ROBOTNIK BEFORE THE PRODUCTION LINE WAS STARTED!
KLONK
AGGGGH!
NOW YOU'VE GOT ME PAST THAT DOOR, THIS BADNIK IS ALL MINE!
WITH HIS HELP I'LL BECOME THE MASTER OF MOBIUS!
CHIK
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS INSERT THE ACTIVATION PROGRAM...

IT WORKS! IT WORKS, WITH THIS BADNIK IN MY CONTROL THERE WILL BE NOBODY WHO CAN STOP ME!
HOWEVER, FIRST THINGS FIRST! BADNIK, DESTROY SONIC THE HEDGEHOG.
YES, I WAS CREATED TO DESTROY SONIC THE HEDGEHOG.
OH WELL, HERE WE GO AGAIN!
CHAKKA! CHAKKA! CHAKKA!
TYPICAL ROBOTNIK DESIGN... I'VE SEEN IT ALL BEFORE!
WHAKK
HE TAKES A SPIN ATTACK PRETTY WELL... BUT IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE SOMETHING GIVES!

SHK SHK
HAH! SOMETHING DEFINITELY CAME LOOSE THAT TIME!
NO! THIS BADNIK WAS SUPPOSED TO BE THE PERFECT KILLING MACHINE!
YOU CAN'T BEAT HIM!
BUDDY, ROBOTNIK HASN'T BUILT A BADNIK YET THAT I CAN'T SMASH!
CHAKKA! CHAKKA!
THIS IS FUN!
NO!
HAH! HE MAY HAVE MISSED YOU BUT THE CEILING WON'T!

HAH! WITH SONIC THE HEDGEHOG GONE, NOBODY CAN STOP US NOW!
COME ON, BADNIK, WE'RE LEAVING!
ZIKK!
AGGGH!
SILENCE! I WAS CREATED TO OBEY ONLY DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!
MY POWER IS LOW... I NEED AN ORGANIC BATTERY!
NO! YOU CAN'T USE ME... PLEASE, I HAVE PLANS!
OOOOOH...
I'VE GOT SECONDS TO ESCAPE BEFORE THE REST OF THE CEILING COMES DOWN!
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO SAVE THAT IDIOT PRINGLE... IT'S HIS OWN FAULT FOR...
OH, WHO AM I KIDDING?


QUIT WRIGGLING, PRINGLE... I'VE GOT YOU!
I'VE GOT A SPLIT SECOND TO MAKE IT BACK TO THAT DOOR!
MADE IT!
WHICH IS MORE THAN CAN BE SAID FOR THAT BADNIK!
I TRIED TO KILL YOU AND YET YOU RISKED YOUR LIFE TO SAVE ME...
WHY DO IT?
IF YOU'VE GOT TO ASK, PRINGLE, THEN YOU'LL NEVER KNOW!
END
NEXT ISSUE: THE HAUNTED ZONE!


AMY
OUT OF TIME
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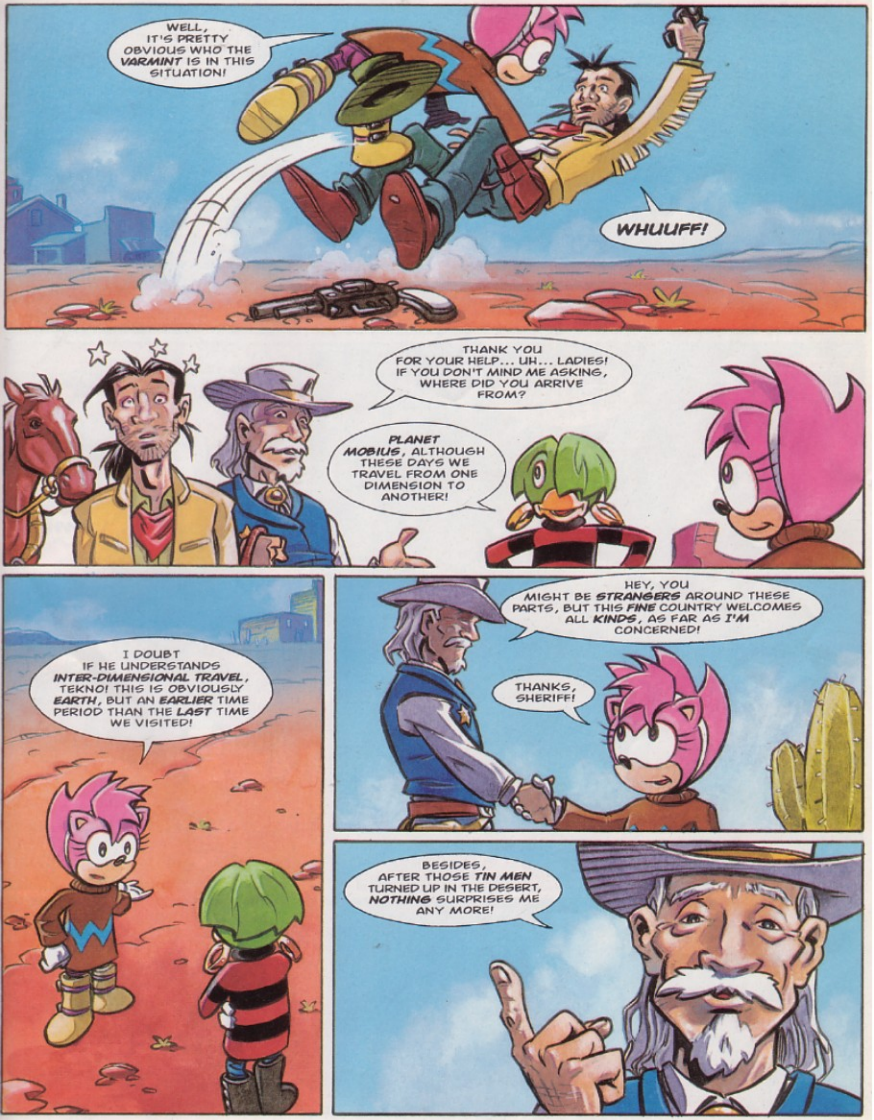
YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS, BUTCH!
SHADDUP, SHERIFF! I'M TAKIN' WHATEVER VALUABLES THIS WAGON'S CARRYIN' AND NO ONE IS GONNA STOP ME!
WHOA! WHA- WHAT'S HAPPENIN'?
WE'VE ARRIVED AT OUR NEW DESTINATION, AMY!
SLAP BANG IN THE MIDDLE OF TROUBLE AGAIN, TEKNO!
S-STAY BACK, OR... OR I'LL FILL YA FULL OF LEAD!

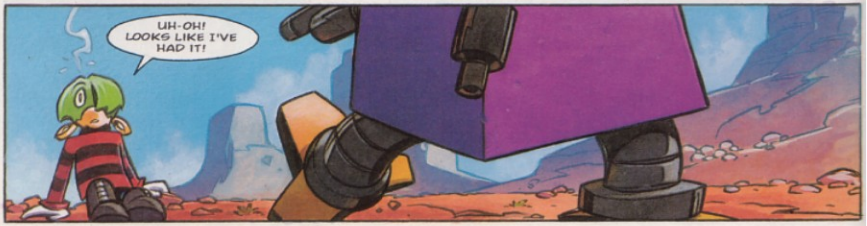

WELL, IT'S PRETTY OBVIOUS WHO THE VARMINT IS IN THIS SITUATION!
WHUUFF!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP... UH... LADIES! IF YOU DON'T MIND ME ASKING, WHERE DID YOU ARRIVE FROM?
PLANET MOBIUS, ALTHOUGH THESE DAYS WE TRAVEL FROM ONE DIMENSION TO ANOTHER!
I DOUBT IF HE UNDERSTANDS INTER-DIMENSIONAL TRAVEL, TEKNO! THIS IS OBVIOUSLY EARTH, BUT AN EARLIER TIME PERIOD THAN THE LAST TIME WE VISITED!
HEY, YOU MIGHT BE STRANGERS AROUND THESE PARTS, BUT THIS FINE COUNTRY WELCOMES ALL KINDS, AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED!
THANKS, SHERIFF!
BESIDES, AFTER THOSE TIN MEN TURNED UP IN THE DESERT, NOTHING SURPRISES ME ANY MORE!

TIN MEN? DO YOU MEAN ROBOTS?
DON'T RIGHTLY KNOW *WHAT* YOU'D CALL 'EM! I *DO* KNOW THEY'VE BEEN SCARING OFF FOLK FROM GETTING ANYWHERE *NEAR* THEIR SETTLEMENT!
THAT EXPLAINS WHY WE'RE HERE! TO *INVESTIGATE!*

I'LL CHECK IT OUT! WHICH WAY DO I FLY?
FLY? UH... DUE SOUTH... ABOUT TWO MILES!

SOON...
CONSTRUCTION ROBOTS... AND SOME KIND OF BASE!

INTRUDER! DESTROY!
ZZZAP!
YOWW!


UH-OH! LOOKS LIKE I'VE HAD IT!

YEEE- HAAA!
SQAAAK!
HEY, TEKNO! THE SHERIFF MADE ME HIS DEPUTY!
SHHHKK!
FOOOM!
INTRUDER! DESTR- OOIIKK!!
SMASH!
YOU HAD YOUR CHANCE, METAL-HEAD!

EXPERIENCE OF FIGHTING BADNIKS COMES IN USEFUL AT A TIME LIKE THIS!
YEAH! BUT THESE CREEPS SHOULDN'T BE HERE!
FWAM!
THESE ROBOTS' DESIGNS ARE PRETTY BASIC, BUT THERE'S NO WAY THEY ORIGINATED FROM THIS TIME PERIOD!
ARE YOU SAYING THEY'RE FROM EARTH'S FUTURE?
CRRAKKLE!
FROM 1998, TO BE PRECISE, AMY!
SOMEONE'S MATERIALISING!
SO, ALIENS, WE MEET AGAIN! HOWEVER, THIS TIME, YOU WILL NOT ESCAPE!
COLONEL GRANITE!

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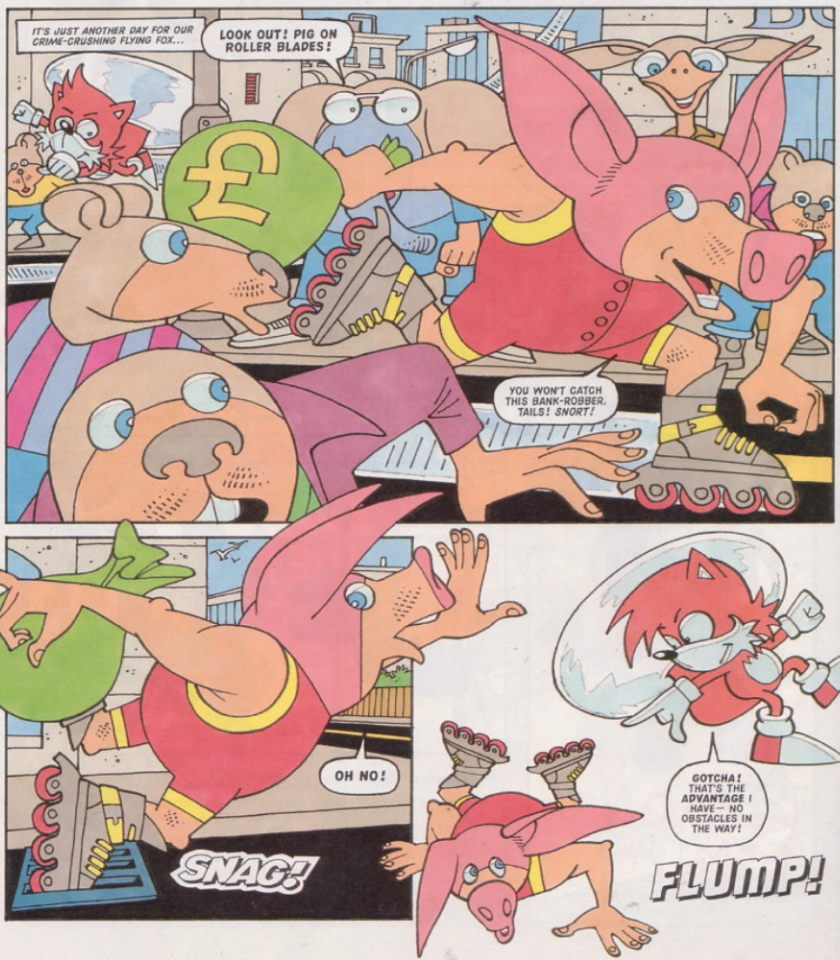
IT'S JUST ANOTHER DAY FOR OUR CRIME-CRUSHING FLYING FOX...
LOOK OUT! PIG ON ROLLER BLADES!
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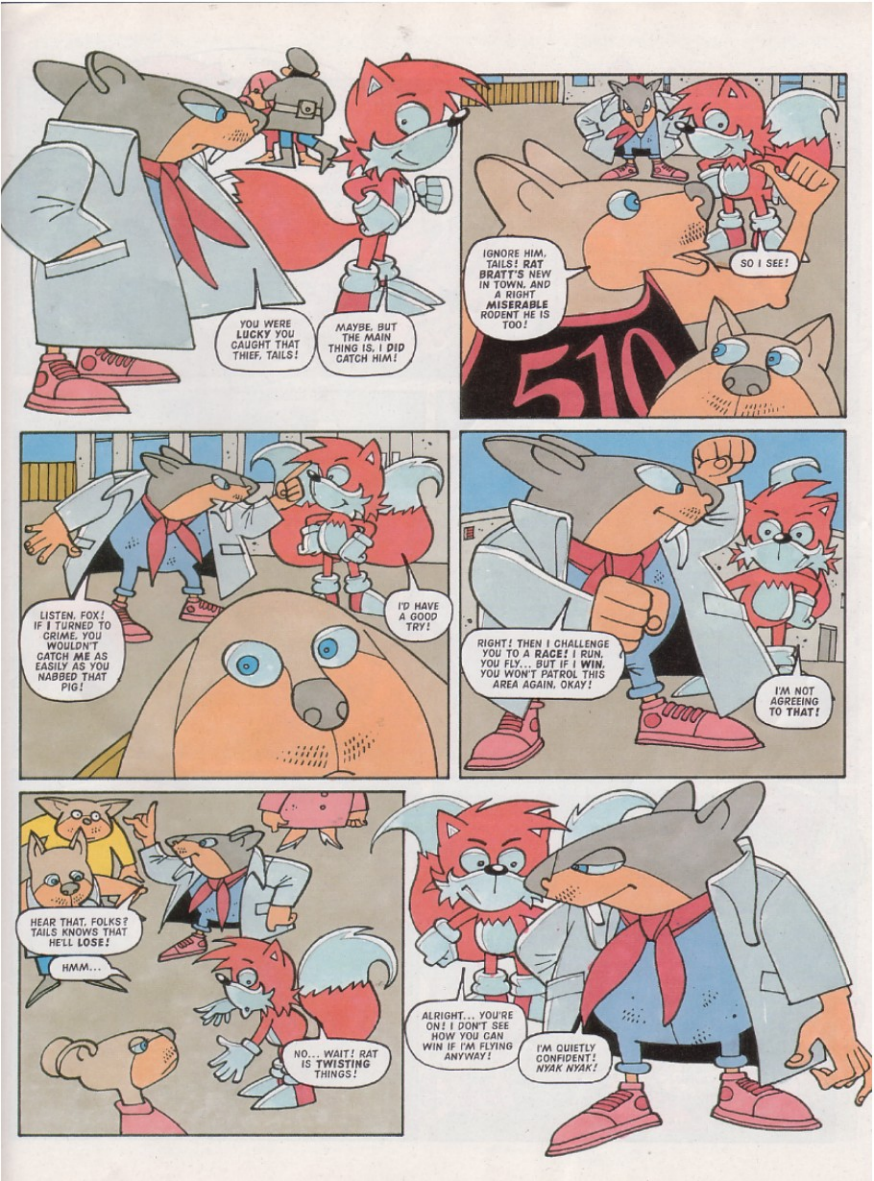
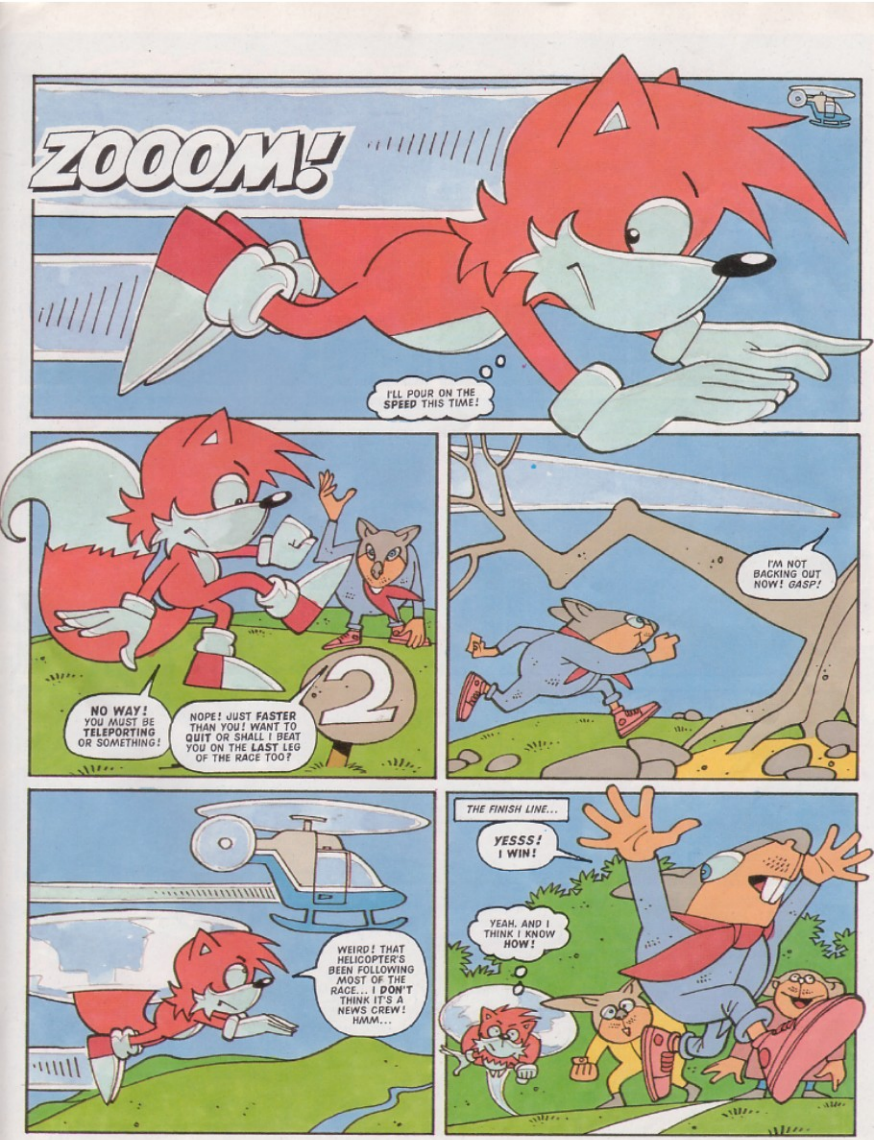
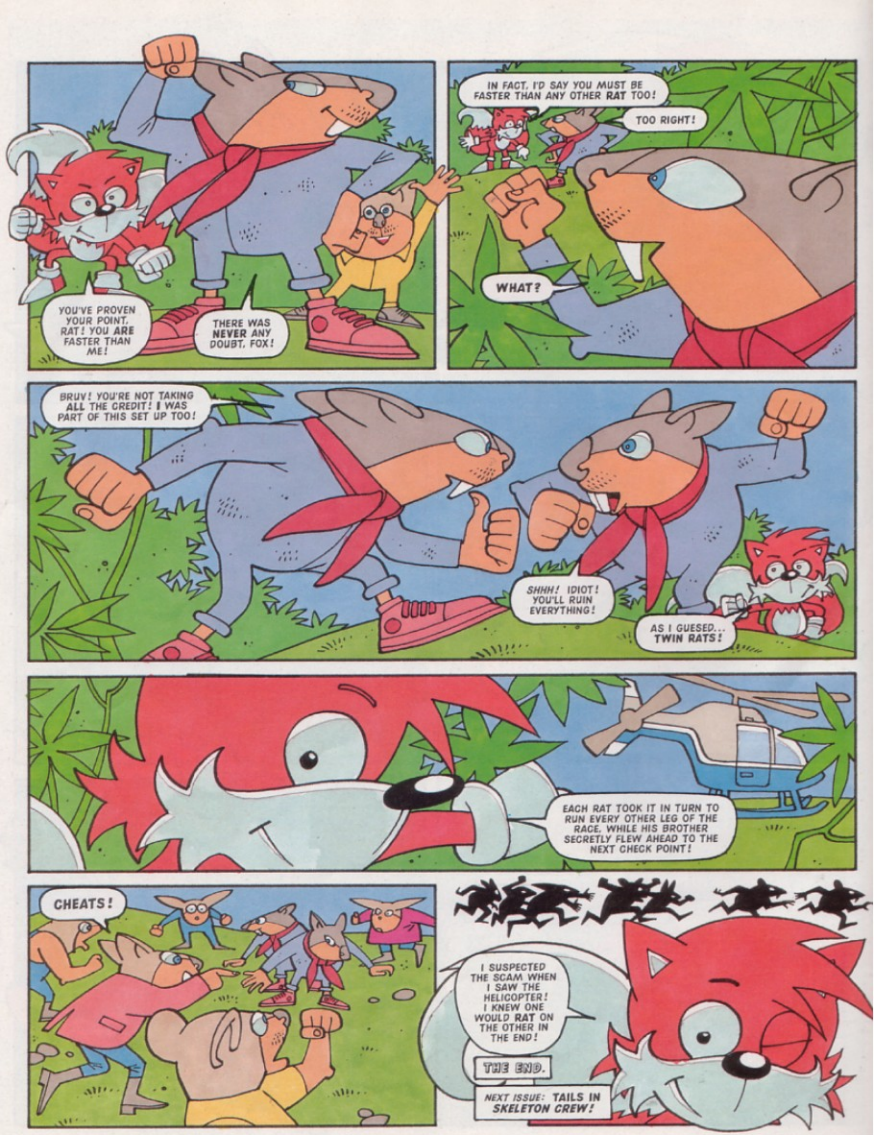
YOU WON'T CATCH THIS BANK-ROBBER, TAILS! SNORT!
OH NO!
SNAG!
GOTCHA! THAT'S THE ADVANTAGE I HAVE — NO OBSTACLES IN THE WAY!
FLUMP!


YOU WERE LUCKY YOU CAUGHT THAT THIEF, TAILS!
MAYBE, BUT THE MAIN THING IS, I DID CATCH HIM!
IGNORE HIM, TAILS! RAT BRATT'S NEW IN TOWN, AND A RIGHT MISERABLE RODENT HE IS TOO!
SO I SEE!
510
LISTEN, FOX! IF I TURNED TO CRIME, YOU WOULDN'T CATCH ME AS EASILY AS YOU NABBED THAT PIG!
I'D HAVE A GOOD TRY!
RIGHT! THEN I CHALLENGE YOU TO A RACE! I RUN, YOU FLY... BUT IF I WIN, YOU WON'T PATROL THIS AREA AGAIN, OKAY!
I'M NOT AGREEING TO THAT!
HEAR THAT, FOLKS? TAILS KNOWS THAT HE'LL LOSE!
HMM...
NO... WAIT! RAT IS TWISTING THINGS!
ALRIGHT... YOU'RE ON! I DON'T SEE HOW YOU CAN WIN IF I'M FLYING ANYWAY!
I'M QUIETLY CONFIDENT! NYAK NYAK!

NEXT DAY. THE RACE BEGINS!
ON YOUR MARKS... GO!
I DON'T KNOW WHY RAT'S GRINNING! I'M LEAVING HIM STANDING!
MAYBE I'LL SLOW DOWN TO GIVE HIM A CHANCE!
THEN AGAIN. HE NEEDS TO BE TAUGHT A LESSON!
WHOA! HOW DID YOU BEAT ME TO THE FIRST CHECK POINT?
SKILL, I GUESS!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW I DIDN'T SEE YOU PASS ME. BUT YOU WON'T DO IT AGAIN!


ZOOOM!
I'LL POUR ON THE SPEED THIS TIME!
NO WAY! YOU MUST BE TELEPORTING OR SOMETHING!
NOPE! JUST FASTER THAN YOU! WANT TO QUIT OR SHALL I BEAT YOU ON THE LAST LEG OF THE RACE TOO?
I'M NOT BACKING OUT NOW! GASP!
WEIRD! THAT HELICOPTER'S BEEN FOLLOWING MOST OF THE RACE... I DON'T THINK IT'S A NEWS CREW! HMM...
THE FINISH LINE...
YESSS! I WIN!
YEAH, AND I THINK I KNOW HOW!


YOU'VE PROVEN YOUR POINT, RAT! YOU ARE FASTER THAN ME!
THERE WAS NEVER ANY DOUBT, FOX!
IN FACT, I'D SAY YOU MUST BE FASTER THAN ANY OTHER RAT TOO!
TOO RIGHT!
WHAT?
BRUV! YOU'RE NOT TAKING ALL THE CREDIT! I WAS PART OF THIS SET UP TOO!
SHHH! IDIOT! YOU'LL RUIN EVERYTHING!
AS I GUESED... TWIN RATS!
EACH RAT TOOK IT IN TURN TO RUN EVERY OTHER LEG OF THE RACE. WHILE HIS BROTHER SECRETLY FLEW AHEAD TO THE NEXT CHECK POINT!
CHEATS!
I SUSPECTED THE SCAM WHEN I SAW THE HELICOPTER! I KNEW ONE WOULD RAT ON THE OTHER IN THE END!
THE END.
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